

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44  
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the life of James "Trooper Jim"  
Foster.

WHEREAS, the passing of Pulaski resident James "Trooper Jim" Foster was a great loss to Tennesseans and to the field of law enforcement throughout the South; and

WHEREAS, James Foster, was a widely respected law enforcement officer, Florida state legislator, broadcaster, promoter of public safety and dedicated consultant for the Southern States Police Benevolent Association; and

WHEREAS, "Trooper Jim" began his distinguished career with the Florida Highway Patrol, where during his sixteen years of service, he was a Safety Education and Public Relations officer, and a National Safety Council instructor and trainer in defensive driving; and

WHEREAS, during his career, "Trooper Jim" produced and hosted popular radio and television programs on traffic safety including the weekly series "Arrive Alive" on Channel 10 in Tampa, Florida which reached thousands of viewers; and

WHEREAS, after a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, James Foster ran and was elected from the Tampa area to the Florida House of Representatives where from 1972 to 1982 he notably served his constituents and gave his considerable expertise to such committees as Criminal Justice, Transportation, Agriculture and Military and Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, following his ten years in the Florida legislature, James Foster returned to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as a Management and Operations

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Consultant, where he used his experience and abilities to address employees' safety issues;  
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WHEREAS, in 1991, as the Association expanded its operations to Tennessee, "Trooper Jim" became the Association's legislative liaison for the Tennessee legislature, where his dedication and lifelong commitment to the rights of law enforcement officers impressed lawmakers in both the House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, honors and accomplishments aside, James Foster was a loving and dedicated family man, sharing his life with his wife, Tricia, and their three children Richard, James and Kathie; and

WHEREAS, "Trooper Jim" represented the finest qualities in a law enforcement officer, a representative of the people, a broadcaster, a crusader for the rights of public safety employees and a committed public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commemorate the life of James "Trooper Jim" Foster, and pledge to honor his memory by continuing to foster the ideals of public safety in action and in deed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with the final clause omitted from such copy.

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